

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A putter comprising:
a grip having an anatomically correct shape to promote proper grasping of the putter, the shape including a first curve having a first radius and a second curve having a second radius, the first radius being larger than the second radius, wherein a portion of the first curve defines an area for placement of a user's thumbs;
a shaft having a first end and a second end, wherein the grip is attached to the first end of the shaft;
a hosel attached to the second end of the shaft;
a head attached to the hosel, the head having a striking face; and
an alignment feature of the putter permitting assembly of the head onto the hosel only in an operable position wherein a centerline of the shaft and the striking face of the head have at least one point in common.
2. - 17. (Cancelled)
18. (Original) The putter according to claim 1, wherein each of the grip, the shaft, the hosel and the head are formed from one of a polymer material and a composite material.
19. (Cancelled)
20. (Original) The putter according to claim 1, further comprising a first balancing weight disposed in the grip and a second balancing weight disposed in the head.
21. - 22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently Amended) A putter system for assisting a golfer in completing a putt, the system comprising:
- a grip for anatomically matching the golfer's hands, the handle preferentially orienting in a selected direction when gripped the grip including a first curve having a first radius and a second curve having a second radius, the first radius being larger than the second radius, wherein a portion of the first curve defines an area for placement of the golfer's thumbs;
 - a shaft extending from the grip, the shaft providing visual indication of a preferred orientation of the shaft to the golfer;
 - a head integrated with the shaft, the head providing visual indication to the golfer of a preferred orientation of the head; and
 - an alignment feature adapted to precisely align the head with the shaft, wherein the alignment feature permits assembly of the head onto the hosel only in an operable position wherein a centerline of the shaft and [(the)] a striking face of the head have at least one point in common.
24. (Original) The putter system according to claim 23, further comprising a parallax collimating device of the head for visually indicating to the golfer when a preferred stance is maintained.
25. (Original) The putter system according to claim 23, further comprising adjustable weighting systems to customize the putter system.
26. (Original) The putter system according to claim 23, further comprising a weighting system of the head adapted to move a center of gravity of the head along three axes and to vary a mass of the head.
27. (Previously Presented) The putter system according to claim 23, further comprising a weighting system of the grip adapted to balance the putter system in conjunction with the weighting system of the head.

28. - 65. (Cancelled)

66. (Previously Added) The putter of claim 1, wherein the point of the striking face is a center point of percussion.

67. (Currently Amended) A putter comprising:

a grip having an anatomically correct shape to promote proper grasping of the putter, the shape including a first curve having a first radius and a second curve having a second radius, the first radius being larger than the second radius, wherein a portion of the first curve defines an area for placement of a user's thumbs;

a shaft having a first end and a second end, wherein the grip is attached to the first end of the shaft;

a hosel attached to the second end of the shaft;

a head attached to the hosel, the head having a striking face; and

an alignment feature preventing the head from rotating relative to the hosel and the shaft, the alignment feature including a shaped portion of the hosel insertable into a complementing shaped opening of the head.

68. (Previously Added) The putter of claim 67, wherein the shaped portion and complementing shaped opening is an oval.

69. (Previously Added) The putter of claim 67, wherein the shaped portion and complementing shaped opening is one of a rectangle, a square and a star.

70. (New) The putter of claim 67, wherein a plane that is tangential to the thumb portion of the grip is substantially perpendicular to the striking face of the head.

71. (New) The putter of claim 1, wherein a plane that is tangential to the thumb portion of the grip is substantially perpendicular to the striking face of the head.

72. (New) The putter system of claim 23, wherein a plane that is tangential to the thumb portion of the grip is substantially perpendicular to the striking face of the head.